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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA: RESPONSE TO DOL LIST OF GOODS BELIEVED TO BE
MADE WITH FORCED OR CHILD LABOR

REF: A. 4/03/09 Castro-Gomez e-mail

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¶2. This is an action request. See para 4.

¶3. (SBU) Post appreciates the U.S. Department of Labor's notification (ref A) of its decision to remove lemons and sugar from its proposed list of goods produced in Argentina that have a significant incidence of child or forced labor in its production (ref A).

¶4. (SBU) Post reiterates ref B request for DOL's timeline for this list's preparation and publication. As noted in ref B, we strongly believe that publication of this list requires a coordinated public diplomacy strategy that 1) recognizes efforts governments are making to end these practices; and 2) offers cooperation and assistance programs to willing governments. Absent this, we will be going against the thrust of the administration's stated intentions of working with other nations in the hemisphere as partners to address problems of social injustice. We look forward to hearing views from Washington and our colleagues at other posts.

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